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AIRLINE PASSENGER TRAFFIC UP 8.4% IN NOVEMBER

WASHINGTON, D.C., December 21, 1988--Airline passenger traffic rose 8.4 percent to 31.5 billion passenger miles in November, and the number of passengers reached 34.7 million, the Air Transport Association reported today.

Domestic revenue passenger miles grew 6.1 percent in November over the same month last year. Available seat miles increased 2.6 percent. Passengers increased 5.6 percent to 32.1 million, while the load factor was 59.7 percent, up from 57.7 percent for November a year ago.

In international service, traffic in November climbed 18.3 percent, and available seat miles rose 14.7 percent. Passengers increased 10.4 percent to 2.6 million, and the load factor amounted to 60.0 percent compared to 58.2 percent last year.

For the first eleven months of 1988, revenue passenger miles in domestic and international service were up 4.4 percent to 379.2 billion, and the number of passengers rose to 398.7 million from 393.7 million for the same period last year. Available seat miles increased 4.1 percent, and the load factor amounted to 63.1 percent versus 62.9 percent last year.

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NOTE: Along with the attached table of November passenger data, a revised October table is also attached.

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PRELIMINARY PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY

NOVEMBER 1988 - 1987

	NOVEMBER			YEAR TO DATE		
	1987	1988	PERCENT CHANGE	1987	1988	PERCENT CHANGE
DOMESTIC						
PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000)	30,438	32,149	5.6	365,575	366,754	0.3
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	23,578,995	25,015,334	6.1	290,704,009	294,008,937	1.1
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	40,835,788	41,902,460	2.6	467,563,011	475,221,996	1.6
LOAD FACTOR (%)	57.7	59.7		62.2	61.9	
INTERNATIONAL						
PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000)	2,325	2,566	10.4	28,121	31,931	13.5
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	5,518,871	6,529,407	18.3	72,529,310	85,185,253	17.4
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	9,478,366	10,875,576	14.7	109,737,813	125,949,211	14.8
LOAD FACTOR (%)	58.2	60.0		66.1	67.6	
TOTAL						
PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000)	32,763	34,715	6.0	393,696	398,685	1.3
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	29,097,866	31,544,741	8.4	363,233,319	379,194,190	4.4
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	50,314,154	52,778,036	4.9	577,300,824	601,171,207	4.1
LOAD FACTOR (%)	57.8	59.8		62.9	63.1	

CARRIERS INCLUDED: AMERICAN, CONTINENTAL, DELTA, EASTERN, NORTHWEST, PAN AM, PIEDMONT, TRANS WORLD UNITED, USAIR, WESTERN, AIRCAL, ALASKA, ALOHA, BRANIFF, HAWAIIAN, JET AMERICA, MIDWAY, PSA, SOUTHWEST, AND TRANSTAR.